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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN JOSE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	NO. CR 07-00504 JW
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	
)	
RICARDO SAEZ and)	
ROLANDO BARRIENTOS,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	NO. CR 07-00507 JF
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	
)	
RICARDO SAEZ and)	
STEVEN MORENO,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

1 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) NO. CR 07-00523 JW
 2)
 3 Plaintiff,)
 4)
 5 v.)
 6)
 7 RICARDO SAEZ and)
 8 DANIEL ROBLEDO,)
 9 Defendants.)

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) NO. CR 07-00524 RMW
 11)
 12 Plaintiff,)
 13)
 14 v.)
 15)
 16 RICARDO SAEZ and)
 17 CEFFERINO ORTIZ, JR.,)
 18 a/k/a "CEFE")
 19 Defendants.)

20 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) NO. CR 07-00525 JF
 21)
 22 Plaintiff,)
 23)
 24 v.)
 25)
 26 RICARDO SAEZ and)
 27 SAUL MAXIAS NIETO,)
 28 Defendants.)

29 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) NO. CR 07-00526 JW
 30)
 31 Plaintiff,)
 32)
 33 v.)
 34)
 35 SAUL MAXIAS NIETO,)
 36 Defendant.)

**NOTICE OF RELATED CASES
IN A CRIMINAL ACTION**

37 The United States hereby files this notice of related cases pursuant to Criminal Local
 38 Rule 8-1, as believes that the cases above-captioned are related within the meaning of the rule.
 39 The first case, charging defendant RICARDO SAEZ and ROLANDO BARRIENTOS (CR-07-
 40 00504) was indicted on August 1, 2007 and, is pending before the Honorable James Ware. The
 41 remaining captioned cases were indicted on either August 1 or August 8, 2006, and are pending
 42 before Judges Ware, Fogel, and Whyte. Each case includes RICARDO SAEZ as a charged

1 defendant in a drug conspiracy, except the final matter, U.S v. SAUL MAXIAS NIETO, in
2 which
3 NIETO is charged alone. However, Nieto is a codefendant with Saez in another case. There is
4 a
5 chance that if the cases do not resolve expeditiously via plea, a superseding indictment may be
6 filed charging one conspiracy with Ricardo Saez at its hub. The first matter assigned a case
7 number by the clerk (U.S. v. RICARDO SAEZ and ROLANDO BARRIENTOS (CR-07-00504))
8 is pending before Judge Ware and therefore, technically, the “earliest” filed matter. Thus, the
9 rule suggests that all of the cases against RICARDO SAEZ should be assigned to one judge,
10 presumably Judge Ware, to include the lone case against SAUL NIETO, who is a codefendant
11 with SAEZ in another, related matter.

12 For the above reasons, while the government believes that assignment of the above-
13 captioned cases to a single District Judge would be likely to conserve judicial resources and to
14 promote an efficient determination of the action, it is unclear whether assignment, pursuant to
15 Local Rule 8.1, to the technically “earlier” assigned District Judge, Judge Ware, would
16 necessarily be most efficient, and leaves that determination to the Court.

17 DATED: September 5, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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